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COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1995

Letter dated 21 January 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 29 December 1994 from H.E. Mr. K. R. Narayanan, Vice-President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha (Upper House of Parliament) (annex I) as well as a letter dated 28 December 1994 from H.E. Mr. Shivraj V. Patil, Speaker of the Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament), also addressed to you (annex II).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 44.

(Signed) T. P. SREENIVASAN
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ANNEX I

Letter dated 29 December 1994 from the Vice-President of India and Chairman of the Upper House of Parliament addressed to the Secretary-General

Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of the Parliament of India, unanimously adopted a resolution on Thursday, 22 December 1994, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your information (see appendix).

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you of the continued and constructive cooperation of India in the activities of the United Nations.

(Signed) K. R. NARAYANAN
Vice-President of India
and Chairman, Rajya Sabha

APPENDIX

EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE RAJYA SABHA HELD ON 22 DECEMBER 1994

Resolution on the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

Mr. Chairman (Vice President, Shri K. R. Narayanan): Honourable Members, I have a resolution to put before the House. As Honourable Members are aware, on 24 October 1994, the United Nations Organization entered into the fiftieth year of its existence.

I take this opportunity to place before the House the following resolution to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, which I hope will be unanimously endorsed by all sections of the House:

THIS HOUSE:

Recalling the determination of the peoples of the world, in the aftermath of the Second World War, to save future generations from the scourge of war through the establishment of the United Nations as a forum for resolving global problems and for the betterment of conditions of economic and social well-being through cooperative action;

Conscious of the unique contribution made by this world Organization over the last forty-nine years to peace, security and development;

Also conscious that notwithstanding the efforts of the United Nations, international economic relations continue to be characterized by inequality, domination and exploitation, eradication of poverty remains a distant goal, and serious armed conflicts persist in the world;

Considering that the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations provides an important occasion for Governments and peoples around the world to rededicate themselves to the purposes and principles of the United Nations and to reaffirm their commitment to work for ushering in a new era of global peace and economic and social development of all peoples on the basis of equality and justice;

(1) Welcomes the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary in an appropriate manner in furtherance of the theme "We the peoples of the United Nations ... United for a better world";

(2) Reiterates its belief that as the United Nations, the embodiment of multilateralism, is uniquely placed to promote a more just, equitable, prosperous and secure world order, it should be strengthened to reflect current political and economic realities and to contribute to enhancing the common welfare on the basis of international cooperation, mutual respect and global partnership;

(3) Reaffirms our abiding commitment to the United Nations, and reiterates our determination to build upon the achievements of the United Nations and to

utilize its potential in order to advance our shared aspirations of peace, security and prosperity;

(4) Hopes that the restructuring and strengthening of the United Nations, including the Security Council, will reflect current realities and enable it to realize the principles and purposes enshrined in its Charter, for the promotion of peace and progress of all humankind.

I hope the House will adopt this resolution.

The resolution was adopted.

ANNEX II

Letter dated 28 December 1994 from the Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament addressed to the Secretary-General

Lok Sabha (the House of the People), Parliament of India, unanimously adopted a resolution on Thursday, 22 December 1994, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your information (see appendix).

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you of the continued and constructive cooperation of India in the activities of the United Nations.

(Signed) Shivraj V. PATIL
Speaker, Lok Sabha

APPENDIX

Resolution

This House:

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Conscious of the unique contribution made by this world Organization over the last forty-nine years to peace, security and development;

Also conscious that notwithstanding the efforts of the United Nations, international economic relations continue to be characterized by inequality, domination and exploitation, eradication of poverty remains a distant goal, and serious armed conflicts persist in the world;

Considering that the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations provides an important occasion for Governments and peoples around the world to rededicate themselves to the purposes and principles of the United Nations and to reaffirm their commitment to work for ushering in a new era of global peace and economic and social development of all peoples on the basis of equality and justice;

(1) Welcomes the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary in an appropriate manner in furtherance of the theme "We the peoples of the United Nations ... United for a better world";

(2) Reiterates its belief that as the United Nations, the embodiment of multilateralism, is uniquely placed to promote a more just, equitable, prosperous and secure world order, it should be strengthened to reflect current political and economic realities and to contribute to enhancing the common welfare on the basis of international cooperation, mutual respect and global partnership;

(3) Reaffirms our abiding commitment to the United Nations, and reiterates our determination to build upon the achievements of the United Nations and to utilize its potential in order to advance our shared aspirations of peace, security and prosperity;

(4) Hopes that the restructuring and strengthening of the United Nations, including the Security Council, will reflect current realities and enable it to realize the principles and purposes enshrined in its Charter, for the interest of peace and progress of all humankind.